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Disability

A disability can affect a child in many ways. Some children cannot see well. (**Witch, For, Apple**) some it may affect their hearing. (**Others, Death, Ghost**) have trouble talking. Physical problems are (**night, catfish, also**) common. Some disabilities affect a child's (**learning, black, monster**) or behavior.

Our nation's laws promise (**darkness, pumpkin, an**) appropriate education for these children. This (**law, blood, candy**) is called IDEA. IDEA stands for (**fuel, the, coward**) Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. This (**huge, volume, law**) gives kids with disabilities certain rights. (**One, Renew, Due**) right is an Individual Education Plan. (**Bruise, Hawk, It**) is also known as the IEP. (**Every, Joint, Gloomy**) child who has a disability has (**troop, an, using**) IEP. In the IEP the child's (**family, pure, rude**) and the school set goals for (**duties, rude, the**) student. The goals are important. The (**amuse, goals, nephew**) describe what the child needs to (**refused, learn, locate**) in school. The IEP also states (**who, dispute, enroll**) is going to help the child (**promote, at, sorrow**) school. In addition, the IEP also (**says, chosen, ode**) what special materials the child needs (**holy, produce, to**) succeed. A child may need special (**found, chorus, books**). Some children may need special glasses. (**Mouse, Other, Entire**) children may need hearing aids. There (**are, party, replace**) some kids that need wheelchairs. Some (**round, kids, froze**) may need special helpers.

Every year (**the, fought, weave**) child, the parents, and the school (**clown, thought, staff**) get together. At this meeting they (**tone, look, entire**) at the IEP. This is how (**IDEA, away, relieve**) helps children with disabilities.

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Should I Play Football?

I started playing football when I was just a kid growing up in our neighborhood. We had a great time playing (**football, tickle, where**). Of course, it was just "touch" (**swiftly, football, tardy**) and we didn't actually tackle anybody. (**Meat, Middle, We**) did do some blocking, but that (**only, humble, single**) amounted to getting in other people's (**tangle, way, major**) so that they could not touch (**kettle, the, hilly**) person with the ball. No one (**was, bottle, furry**) allowed to jump at somebody or (**doll, hit, dusk**) him in the legs the way (**they, handy, short**) do in tackle football.

When I (**newly, got, eight**) into sixth grade I had my (**pity, sadly, first**) chance to play tackle football where (**everyone, lightly, dirty**) wore football pads and a uniform. (**Twenty, I, Freely**) thought I looked great with those (**huge, kind, song**) shoulder pads covered by my football (**jelly, witty, jersey**). Once we got out onto the (**field, deep, hard**) though, and had to start blocking (**penny, and, candy**) tackling, I wasn't so sure that (**I, Pear, Train**) enjoyed playing football. Instead of taking (**factory, happy, turns**) playing as quarterback or pass receiver (**the, wind, back**) way we did in our neighborhood (**sink, touch, clearly**) football games, I had to play (**as, dusk, had**) an inside lineman all of the (**ready, orange, time**). This meant I had to block (**reach, ship, someone**) on every play, and I never (**team, got, late**) to touch the football. I've got (**what, despite, to**) be honest with you, I'm not (**so, bigger, create**) sure I really want to play (**desire, ready, football**).

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The Test

Angela was confident she would do well on the reading test. She had been preparing for a (**contain, long, niece**) time. It was very important. If (**faithful, relief, she**) didn't do well, she wouldn't get (**a, believe, training**) diploma. Her teacher had Angela and (**belief, her, trailer**) friends practicing their reading a lot. (**First, Brief, Explained**) they had been reading lots of (**pleasing, books, detail**). Second, the teacher had been listening (**to, yearly, raisin**) every student read aloud. If Angela (**faint, increase, stumbled**) on a word, she'd help her (**with, preacher, faith**) it. Third, after reading stories, the (**jail, students, eastern**) would talk about what they had (**read, season, maid**). Fourth, the teacher taught them how (**behave, easily, to**) approach multiple-choice items. Fifth, Angela (**separate, had, peace**) been trying to learn lots of (**new, daughter, subtract**) words. And finally, her class had (**replace, been, grease**) taking lots of practice tests. Every (**married, picture, time**) Angela took a practice test her (**score, renew, weave**) would improve. She was sure all (**produce, sneeze, this**) time and work would lead to (**a, frame, single**) passing score.

Wednesday would be the (**steel, tail, big**) day of the test; everyone would (**rate, start, greet**) at 9:00 AM. The test had (**no, deed, plane**) time limit, so Angela wasn't worried (**deceive, blaze, about**) finishing. The teacher told the class (**to, elect, gravy**) get plenty of sleep the night (**crazy, idea, before**) the test. She also suggested making (**sure, science, grind**) they had a good breakfast. Angela (**addition, married, talked**) to her parents about getting ready. (**They, Chosen, Produce**) said they would help her be (**crime, bicycle, ready**). Angela knew the test wouldn't be (**twilight, any, enroll**) problem. She was ready!

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The Hot Day

It was one of those hot, muggy August days that Jermaine dreaded. Last night was bad enough. He (**elect, couldn't, idea**) sleep in his family's hot apartment. (**His, Cable, Fame**) mom had opened all the windows (**plane, evil, because**) they had no air conditioning. But (**it, maid, sleigh**) didn't help much and only made (**odor, duties, the**) city noises louder.

So Jermaine's sleepless (**gravy, night, pure**) was turning into one of those (**rate, days, rude**) when finding a gushing fire hydrant (**might, troop, blaze**) be the day's main activity. Even (**detail, hawk, the**) thought of playing basketball down at (**severe, the, contain**) square seemed unappealing.

This, of course, (**was, frame, yearly**) remarkable since Jermaine lived to play (**refused, basketball, separate**). Every free moment he had he (**faith, type, spent**) down at the square playing in (**pickup, detail, using**) basketball games with boys two and (**raisin, three, trailer**) years older. Jermaine was proud of (**the, tail, sign**) fact that as a seventh grader (**joint, author, he**) could hold his own in pickup (**games, pure, entire**) with older kids.

Jermaine's only worry (**now, breeze, mighty**) was staying cool. Swimming seemed like (**easily, scale, the**) best choice for today. His Mom (**and, ghost, whole**) Dad had already gone to work (**scene, and, autumn**) his older brother had left too. (**Scissors, Deceive, Jermaine**) was on his own. He was (**peace, too, crime**) young to work, but really too (**old, trailer, admire**) to have someone stay with him. (**Produce, During, Slight**) summer he was under strict instructions (**jail, hire, to**) stay close to home and check (**huge, in, due**) every couple of hours at Mrs. (**Hardaway's, Increase, Faint**). Mrs. Hardaway was the next door (**paint, chorus, neighbor**) on the fourth floor.

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Plane Ride

Stosh was leaving to visit his brother in Maine and he was both scared and excited. For the first time ever he (**was, reach, junk**) going to fly in an airplane, (**asked, and, wing**) he wasn't sure what it would (**spill, team, be**) like to be so far above (**the, loan, plow**) ground.

Stosh's parents drove him to (**stay, the, coax**) airport at the scheduled time. Unfortunately, (**as, whip, burn**) so often happens, the plane was (**handle, late, ink**) so they had to wait at (**the, beetle, strive**) gate for almost an hour. The (**tumble, additional, taught**) sitting and waiting gave Stosh more (**longed, candle, time**) to think about the hazards of (**flying, sandy, your**) and increased his anxiety.

When the (**crack, tumble, plane**) finally arrived, Stosh kissed his mom, (**term, happy, shook**) his father's hand, and carried his (**private, bag, river**) onto the airplane. He had a (**seat, plain, yellow**) by the window so after he (**night, pick, fastened**) his seat belt he sat and (**danger, looked, record**) out at the terminal. While he (**sat, shoe, department**) there he wondered whether there might (**alert, still, home**) be time for him to get (**normal, police, off**) of the plane and not risk (**flying, hire, play**).

Finally, the plane took off, and (**Brick, Move, Stosh**) felt his stomach leap. The plane (**drain, was, major**) speeding down the runway and suddenly (**live, three, they**) were off the ground. Stosh felt (**crime, his, diet**) ears popping as they rose higher (**and, decline, maybe**) higher. The plane was flying. He (**realized, state, there**) that it was now too late (**belief, for, snow**) him to get off of the (**return, list, plane**), so he sat back and tried (**to, stamp, color**) enjoy the ride.

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London

London, England is one of the top tourist attractions in the world. It is steeped in history. It (**also, shoot, burst**) has plenty of pop culture to (**loom, experience, market**). London has many palaces, museums, and (**snarl, food, theatres**) to see. Here are few of (**the, shark, boost**) main attractions.

Buckingham Palace: This is (**start, where, spoon**) the Queen of England lives. It (**hard, doom, is**) open to the public for two (**months, hard, room**) each summer. Visitors can see eighteen (**arctic, rooms, soon**).

Changing of the Guard: The guards (**card, nurse, change**) outside of Buckingham Palace. The ceremony (**begins, army, crook**) daily at 10:45 and lasts over (**park, choose, an**) hour. The guards are famous for (**their, sharp, tooth**) red coats and black hats.

Tower (**carp, of, hoot**) London: The Tower is a castle (**star, loop, that**) is over 900 years old. It (**is, mark, red**) the location of many important events (**dart, barn, in**) English history. Tours are conducted by (**horrible, military, final**) guards dressed in Tudor uniforms. On (**display, mistake, inside**) are the crown jewels and the (**everyone, month, homes**) of past kings and queens. Also (**interesting, record, check**) are the dungeons where many were (**truck, charm, jailed**). The Tower is on the Thames (**Drive, Subway, River**).

Houses of Parliament: Parliament is also (**given, famous, along**) the Thames River. This is the (**grown, home, little**) of British government. Westminster Hall and (**Big, Stocking, Heaven**) Ben clock tower are part of (**volume, table, this**) area.

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Just "Hanging Out"

On weekends, my buddies and I spend a lot of time just "hanging out." I suppose that's true for a (**lot, know, people**) of guys who are in seventh (**about, grade, single**). During the week, we are incredibly (**road, father, busy**) going to school, going to basketball (**practice, thrown, grow**), coming home to eat, and doing (**mown, our, step**) homework. We don't always get to (**dough, dead, our**) homework, of course! Given that kind (**of, road, depot**) a schedule, it should be easy (**soul, to, together**) understand why we spend a lot (**trail, hall, of**) time on weekends just "hanging out."

(**You, Could, Kind**) can imagine that our parents don't (**paint, like, train**) "hanging out" very much. Each one (**of, got, blue**) us has had more than one "(**house, above, heart**)-to-heart" conversation with our folks (**about, friend, smoke**) what we ought to be doing (**know, yellow, with**) our time on weekends. They all (**pillow, seem, apple**) to think we'll get into trouble (**if, dart, your**) we have too much free time (**barn, lower, on**) our hands. They have all read (**the, show, was**) stories in the newspaper about how (**send, books, kids**) need to be actively involved to (**married, name, prevent**) delinquency.

I wish someone would explain (**to, farm, wait**) me why having free time necessarily (**major, collect, leads**) young people to bad behavior. I (**don't, fight, duty**) believe that is true, at all. (**Case, Green, One**) of our teachers once talked about (**something, cave, party**) called the "work ethic." His view (**reveal, was, happen**) that working hard all of the (**time, crowd, fight**) was required to be a good (**anything, waist, person**). The work ethic must still be (**strong, interest, know**) in our society.

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The Hike

Bob and Steve had been planning their weeklong hike for quite awhile. It took a long time to (**weave, prepare, tepee**) for this adventure and the boys (**were, stream, steeple**) ready. Steve worked at the local (**gleam, degree, grocery**) store during the winter so that (**he, laugh, teeth**) could save enough money for camping (**needle, peach, equipment**). He was pleased with the new (**two-person, better, sneak**) tent and sleeping bag he had (**about, bought, cream**). Although he thought the sleeping bag (**wheat, agree, cost**) too much, he was glad that (**it, clean, eight**) would be extra warm for cold (**danger, temperatures, refugee**).

Bob had also been busy planning. (**He, Beetle, Teach**) was in charge of getting the (**cheap, record, food**) ready, which was no easy task. (**Feeble, Since, Speak**) the boys would be gone for (**six, reply, message**) nights, they had a lot of (**squeal, station, food**) to bring along. This worried Bob (**because, purple, wage**) it meant they would have too (**feast, much, creek**) weight to carry on their six (**day, myself, today**) hike. Bob solved his problem, though, (**warm, start, when**) he visited a camping store. There (**seven, he, never**) found out that he could buy (**packages, forever, person**) of food that were specially prepared (**freak, beach, to**) be extremely lightweight. Best of all, (**Needle, Bob, Science**) thought, the packages contained some pretty (**good, yeast, coast**) meals such as beef stew, scrambled (**grown, poultry, eggs**), lots of vegetables and even popcorn.

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Twins

What would it be like to have twins in your family? I think that if they were (**identical, bough, deceive**) in their appearance it could be (**cable, a, avenue**) lot of fun to watch people (**plane, ride, react**) to them. I could watch to (**see, witness, notice**) if people could tell them apart (**airport, they, and**) as they got older, might even (**language, try, wrote**) to get them to play tricks (**another, under, on**) people. One of them could deliberately (**pretend, friendly, replace**) to be the other. In school, (**replace, visit, for**) example, they could try to trade (**people, places, butcher**) and each one could try to (**go, active, barn**) to all of the other twin's (**your, classes, kindred**). They could try to see whether (**whatever, the, jewelry**) teachers would be able to discover (**that, laundry, wagon**) they were talking to a different (**round, discount, person**).

I'm sure that there are some (**things, mirror, season**) I might not like very well (**grouch, house, about**) having twins in my family. Right (**dessert, now, hospital**), I'm the only child in our (**college, sound, family**). I'm the center of attention. If, (**all, planet, would**) of a sudden, we had twins (**clown, in, relief**) our family I would no longer (**insert, visit, be**) in that center. I think my (**parents, lounge, breeze**) would be so preoccupied with their (**mouse, two, travel**) new babies that they might easily (**forget, haven't, reward**) all about me. I imagine that (**south, predict, when**) they planned things for us to (**orange, do, proud**) as a family that they would (**airplane, introduce, think**) more about what would please the (**twins, sibling, fireplace**) rather than what would please me. (**Your, Flower, I**) suppose that's not all bad.

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The Doughnut Shop

One day Danny made a big mistake. It just happened to be when **(he, saw, beauty)** was helping Mr. Appleby. Mr. Appleby **(draw, was, brook)** one of the grumpiest men in **(crawl, employ, town)**, and everyone knew it. People would **(stay, flew, fancy)** away from Mr. Appleby because they **(were, circus, boiled)** scared of him.

Mr. Appleby also **(chew, twenty, happened)** to have a brand new sedan **(with, jaw, newer)** a leather interior. When Danny put **(plowed, the, pull)** groceries on the seat, one bag **(fell, gentle, shook)** over. It happened to be a **(maiden, doom, bag)** with a dozen eggs on top, **(which, circle, hawk)** broke all over Mr. Appleby's seat. **(Gully, Took, It)** was a huge mess and took **(quite, settle, edge)** awhile to clean up. Anyone else **(broil, might, sprint)** have forgiven Danny, but not Mr. **(Kind, Furry, Appleby)**. He made sure Danny was fired **(from, face, nightly)** the job.

Now that he was **(explode, starting, open)** a new job at the doughnut **(puzzle, dirty, shop)**, Danny couldn't imagine that it would **(be, again, salad)** too difficult. There would be no **(city, dishes, grudge)** to break, and he wouldn't be **(flaw, crook, going)** near any new cars, so, he **(high, waist, was)** confident that this would be the **(merry, civic, job)** to earn him the money he **(enjoy, needed, real)**.

It smelled wonderful in the shop; **(germ, harm, there)** were chocolate covered doughnuts, glazed doughnuts, **(sugar, point, deep)** doughnuts and plain cake doughnuts. Danny **(sure, could, brown)** tell he was going to like **(cook, blind, this)** job! The hardest part would be **(muddy, find, trying)** not to eat too many.

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It's Contagious

Most people think of illness when they hear the word contagious. But viruses are not the only **(thing, man, have)** that can spread quickly from one **(left, person, show)** to another. Have you ever noticed **(subtract, fork, how)** one person in a room will **(yawn, spoon, cow)** and the next thing you know, **(several, dog, smell)** other people are yawning? It's some **(dog, kind, show)** of subliminal power of suggestion.

Another **(touch, pick, human)** behavior that is contagious is smiling. **(Within, Finish, Age)** a matter of hours, one smile **(with, can, old)** multiply into a thousand smiles reaching **(cat, pitch, across)** a thousand miles. Think about it. **(Picture, The, Beauty)** same is true, no doubt for **(frowning, beautiful, their)**, but who wants to spread negative **(feelings, hers, deaf)**? Next time you are in a **(they, group, hear)** notice what the general atmosphere of **(the, spoon, hard)** crowd is. If it is less **(none, than, alive)** enthusiastic, see if you can light **(up, birth, love)** the room with a smile. Odds **(friend, are, best)** that your grin will become contagious **(room, none, as)** people pass it on throughout the **(gathering, dead, riding)**. An outbreak of smiles could actually **(dog, raised, start)** an epidemic!

Can you think of **(friend, wife, any)** other things that people do that **(are, cousin, wedding)** contagious? How about kindness? We often **(aunt, hear, twin)** that acts of kindness can spread. **(Addition, Presumably, Supper)**, if you do something helpful for **(lower, point, someone)** else, then that person is more **(raise, likely, pressure)** to do something helpful for another **(person, treat, closer)**. How much nicer and friendlier the **(list, stake, world)** would be if we could all **(make, danger, handle)** kindness a contagion.

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The Farm

Now that my mother lives in our house all of the time, going home to the farm is a special trip for her. We usually make that trip at (**Thanksgiving, Which, Bean**) or Christmas. My favorite time to (**go, sheep, wish**) is early in the summer. That's (**career, work, when**) the strawberries are ripe. My grandfather (**would, has, agree**) a big strawberry patch and we (**beetle, write, get**) to eat all of the strawberries (**that, your, meek**) we want. We eat strawberries with (**wash, fresh, very**) cream from the farm. We eat (**upon, cheek, strawberry**) shortcake. I really like the shortcake (**that, those, fleet**) my grandmother makes. My favorite way (**these, to, feet**) eat strawberries, though, is with homemade (**their, ice, teeth**) cream. I usually eat too much (**sleep, speech, and**) feel sick when I'm done.

Sometimes (**right, beef, I**) watch my grandma make real pork (**sausage, read, team**). She takes a meat grinder out (**meet, of, queen**) the drawer and clamps it to (**speed, about, the**) breadboard. Then she takes the chunks (**of, better, seem**) pork, grinds them, and fills the (**bring, sweet, sausage**) casing with the sausage mix. After (**carry, I, bread**) watch her make the sausage, I (**clean, don't, sweep**) feel much like eating it.

I (**done, creek, hope**) you can see why going home (**draw, to, sleep**) the farm is special to my (**wheel, drink, mother**). You can probably tell that going (**home, eight, sheep**) is very special to me, too. (**I'll, Grow, Light**) bet going home is special to (**keep, laugh, just**) about everyone.

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Soccer

Rosa's soccer team had not played well all season. They had won only seven games (**in, ice, age**) their twenty game season. Rosa had (**page, struggled, wage**) all season long too. She had (**rage, mice, injured**) her right ankle early in the (**season, badge, place**). Several other players had also been (**hurt, rice, face**). Now the playoffs were beginning and (**expectations, glance, fringe**) were high. The good news was (**dodge, fence, everyone**) was healthy. For the first time (**all, edge, since**) season Rosa could run at full (**fudge, dance, speed**). Better yet, she didn't feel pain (**stride, when, force**) she kicked the ball. That was (**important, gentle, forge**) because as left striker, her team (**cent, needed, ounce**) her to make goals.

Their first (**number, playoff, spice**) game was against Oakdale, their big (**rival, acid, giant**). During the regular season Rosa's team (**jump, lost, show**) twice to Oakdale. Today would be (**a, fun, cover**) different story. Before the game Rosa (**issue, power, and**) her teammates had an important meeting. (**They, Circle, Fancy**) talked about how this time they (**circus, would, mercy**) put together a good team effort.

There were only a few minutes (**silly, to, shirt**) play and the game was tied. (**Shower, Rosa's, Down**) teammate, Kia, quickly intercepted the ball (**at, nothing, fake**) midfield and sped toward the goal. (**Rosa, Called, Right**) sprinted down the left side, hoping (**bundle, to, injured**) get a pass. Just as the (**goalie, near, heat**) came up to make the stop, (**Van, Very, Kia**) made a beautiful pass over to (**Rosa, Lived, Egg**). Rosa kicked the ball into the (**door, shoe, open**) net. Rosa's team led 2 to 1. (**Friend, Below, She**) was ecstatic.

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Cold Weather

The radio announcers were all talking about the unusually cold weather we were about to experience. Apparently, a cold front was coming (**down, brief, hour**) from Canada and it was coming (**gown, fast, elect**). They expected it to arrive by (**howl, found, noon**).

All of the weather forecasters were (**predicting, deed, owl**) that the temperature would drop to (**town, at, preacher**) least 25 degrees below zero. When (**belief, clown, combined**) with the wind the temperature would (**be, growl, sleigh**) like it was 75 degrees below (**severe, drown, zero**). That kind of temperature would be (**really, allow, grease**) dangerous because unprotected skin would freeze (**greet, in, brow**) a matter of minutes. The people (**on, peace, increase**) the radio talked about the importance (**frown, fount, of**) being careful, and they said that (**we, lounge, steel**) should stay inside if possible.

I (**easily, didn't, scout**) want to hear about the weather (**believe, thought, being**) so cold that we should stay (**inside, couch, yearly**). I wanted to go skiing with (**breeze, pouch, my**) friends after school. I hoped the (**weathermen, season, pound**) were wrong, but they weren't. Before (**niece, sneeze, the**) end of school that day the (**temperature, idea, ground**) began to drop. The school ski (**advice, club, science**) trip was cancelled, and I was (**really, crime, hire**) disappointed. I slowly walked home.

Mom (**highly, grind, came**) home and said that since everyone (**was, growl, admire**) staying home she had brought lots (**bicycle, of, slight**) treats. Dad came in a little (**decide, sprout, later**) and said he had bought lots (**of, mighty, sign**) snacks for our night at home. (**Browse, Right, Sought**) then I realized that staying home (**wouldn't, decline, type**) be so bad after all!

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Being A Star Athlete

My dad was a junior high school physical education teacher. It should come as no surprise (**that, cable, bough**) I grew up thinking that playing (**fame, sports, ground**) was just about the most important (**plane, mount, thing**) anyone could do. I was lucky (**that, maid, stout**) I grew up in a neighborhood (**complain, with, doubt**) a lot of boys who were (**similar, crazy, mouth**) in age to me. We could (**vane, scale, almost**) always get together enough guys to (**jail, play, mound**) a game of whatever sport was (**in, explain, count**) season. In the fall, we played (**shout, football, scout**). In winter, most of us played (**gravy, basketball, proud**) although, some of the guys liked (**rate, fame, to**) play hockey. In the spring, it (**was, faith, sound**) softball.

Sometimes, on weekends, my dad (**pouch, cloud, would**) be working in the woodshop at (**school, trailer, evil**) and he would let my brother (**tale, and, replace**) me into the gym to play (**basketball, faint, south**). I would spend two or three (**round, train, hours**) shooting baskets and really learned to (**frame, about, love**) the game. When I got into (**rock, separate, high**) school my homeroom won the intramural (**loud, raisin, basketball**) championships for three years in a (**row, sleigh, flour**). I thought I was going to (**blaze, detail, be**) a sports star when I got (**to, behave, contain**) high school. I did manage a (**fee, fairly, trout**) successful basketball career, but now that (**I, mouse, weave**) think about it I'm sure I (**brief, western, was**) too focused on athletics.

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The Truck

Angelo climbed into his grandpa's old, red pick-up truck. Angelo loved all of the sounds (**idea, odor, the**) truck made - the gears grinding and (**the, science, holy**) horn blowing. Every time he took (**bicycle, chorus, a**) ride in the truck he thought (**it, locate, twilight**) would quit running, but the truck (**hire, always, chosen**) seemed to get them to wherever (**they, produce, crime**) were going. Even though the truck (**admire, had, grocery**) never failed them on any of (**decline, promote, their**) trips Angelo's grandpa didn't like to (**take, entire, tone**) any chances, so he always carried (**a, fee, fame**) box full of tools in the (**subtract, anymore, back**) of the truck.

On this morning (**the, deed, hawk**) weather was pretty cool and the (**ninety, truck, froze**) didn't start right away. "No problem!" (**advice, said, phone**) Angelo's grandpa, "I think it's the (**advise, bowl, fuel**) pump, and I can fix that (**right, decide, envelope**) away."

Grandpa got out of the (**require, old, known**) truck, lifted the hood, and began (**bottle, fiddling, effort**) with the motor. Angelo tried looking (**over, subscribe, growth**) the fender, but he wasn't tall (**sorrow, nineteen, enough**) to see the motor. He knew (**his, highly, enroll**) grandfather would be able to fix (**avenue, the, slight**) problem and, sure enough, Grandpa had (**the, delight, nephew**) truck running in just a few (**usually, mighty, minutes**). It stuttered, but started smoothly.

Angelo (**lightning, jumped, amuse**) in again, and this time they (**delight, rude, were**) off on their way to the (**river, pure, grind**). Slowly the truck rumbled along the (**volume, due, road**), and Angelo told himself that some (**day, dispute, bowl**) he'd have a truck just like (**grease, this, visit**) one. Only, his truck would be (**blue, refused, loyal**) and go much faster. He hoped (**train, vein, that**), he would know as much about (**his, chicken, revolve**) truck as his grandpa did.

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Language Problems

My family has been living in China for six months now, and during this time I've eaten lots of different foods. I like most of them, but **(I, head, drew)** haven't had a hamburger for a **(thread, long, thief)** time. My mother just told me **(dread, grew, that)** we are going to a place **(why, that, start)** makes hamburgers, and I'm really excited. **(Ready, She, Work)** said I don't have to have **(one, shield, years)** if I don't want one. I **(record, want, think)** she must be joking because now **(I, Set, Class)** can't even stop thinking about hamburgers. **(Tell, I'm, While)** so anxious to have a hamburger **(life, key, that)** I'm going to try to get **(surprise, everyone, jealous)** to go early to supper.

When **(we, agree, total)** get to the restaurant we are **(report, leader, happy)** to find that the waitress speaks **(a, gotten, time)** little bit of English. We feel **(serious, very, alone)** lucky because we speak Chinese almost **(not, close, mean)** at all. Everyone orders a hamburger **(difficult, years, and)** I order mine "plain." The waitress **(price, asks, wrong)** me, "What is a 'plain' hamburger?" **(Of, Stop, Press)** course, I tell her that in **(down, cat, the)** United States it is a hamburger **(with, lady, step)** nothing on it.

After a while **(soda, brown, the)** waitress brings our food to the **(table, kneel, total)**. Everyone else's hamburger looks really great, **(write, point, but)** mine doesn't come. After a long **(really, wait, cross)**, I look around the table and **(see, turn, your)** an empty hamburger bun to one **(upset, spoken, side)**. We all laugh because we realize **(that, windy, build)** this must be the hamburger with **(moved, dress, nothing)** on it!

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Jermaine

Jermaine couldn't wait to go swimming. His apartment was unbelievably hot. Jermaine (**threw, believe, truck**) his swim trunks, a towel and (**count, a, have**) few dollars into his old red (**found, they, gym**) bag. As an afterthought, he tossed (**look, honor, in**) his basketball. On his way out (**cheer, he, drink**) grabbed a handful of chocolate chip (**cookies, answer, welcome**). He headed for the elevator. Before (**listen, reaching, woman**) it, he knocked loudly on Mrs. (**Book, Hardaway's, Place**) door. He opened her door and (**about, stop, yelled**) he was on his way to (**worse, the, plum**) square. As he closed the door (**behind, wonder, repeat**) him he could hear Mrs. Hardaway (**saying, earlier, take**) he needed to check back in (**water, bright, a**) couple of hours.

Normally, Jermaine would (**today, have, know**) headed down to the 2nd floor (**to, rest, gone**) the apartment of his best friend, (**Person, Landon, Away**). But Landon, that lucky guy Jermaine (**thought, message, party**) to himself, was away to a (**closer, summer, camera**) camp. So Jermaine was on his (**tonight, own, fill**). Jermaine headed out the front door (**of, gate, car**) the apartment building. The swimming pool (**hour, throw, was**) about six blocks away, so it (**drive, would, stand**) take him about ten minutes to (**get, basic, luck**) there. The sun was beating down (**hall, on, win**) him and the air felt very (**program, local, humid**). He started to sweat almost immediately. (**Jermaine, Would, Band**) started to jog. He thought he (**toast, might, your**) as well get very hot and (**roam, suit, sweaty**) before he jumped into the pool. (**Window, Unfortunately, Evening**), while he was sweating, he forgot (**that, before, dough**) the chocolate chips in the cookies (**hollow, oath, were**) melting in his pocket.

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Women's Athletics

I wonder how men actually feel about women's athletics. A lot of fathers who have (**spout, daughters, known**) that play a sport are really (**month, react, supportive**) of women's athletics. In fact, I (**lounge, loyal, doubt**) that you could tell the difference (**between, science, paper**) a father's enthusiasm when rooting for (**fought, his, renew**) daughter or his son. Despite the (**enthusiasm, thousand, volume**) of so many fathers, I still (**inside, wonder, remain**) how most men feel about the (**subject, large, grocery**) of women's sports.

Why is it (**about, reply, that**) I wonder about men's attitudes toward (**shop, women's, trust**) sports? The reason is that so (**many, flour, yesterday**) of the men I know have (**virtually, picture, away**) no interest in watching women teams (**ground, adult, compete**). I have a good friend who (**likes, return, yellow**) to play and watch men's basketball. (**Jealous, He, Seldom**) has never watched a women's basketball (**game, pound, vacation**). I've asked him about his lack (**howl, danger, of**) interest. He says it stems from (**drawn, the, jelly**) fact that women players look so (**question, awkward, library**). Perhaps that is the reason, but (**he, mean, yearling**) will watch boys play high school (**basketball, laughter, bread**) even when they are relatively unskilled.

(**House, Women, Do**) I think men are biased? I (**boating, suppose, remove**) many are. Eventually, I think that (**bias, cloud, election**) will diminish. I don't know that (**sprout, greatly, it**) will completely disappear, however. As long (**as, town, bicycle**) women are given an equal opportunity (**blocks, to, mouse**) play, men's interest in women's sports (**may, write, studio**) not be all that important.

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Rico's Dog

Rit was Rico's dog, and Rico's most important job was to take care of his Rit. Taking care of Rit was no (**simple, misty, bright**) matter for Rico because Rit had (**thimble, to, brittle**) have fresh water at all times, (**think, funny, and**), of course, he had to be (**please, human, fed**) daily. Providing food and water were (**not, horse, ride**) the only jobs to be done (**mail, in, going**) caring for Rit, however. Rit's fur (**load, around, had**) to be brushed and kept clean.

(**Brushing, Step, Love**) Rit was something Rico had to (**head, do, must**) a lot because Rit was always (**thank, brown, getting**) dirty. Last week Rit found a (**big, soon, wish**) mud puddle to play in and (**Talking, Read, Rico's**) mama did not like that. Yesterday, (**Rit, Train, Stop**) ran through the garden and his (**balloon, papa, school**) did not like that. It seemed (**like, what, button**) Rit was always getting into trouble (**listen, return, and**) Rico was afraid that his mama (**and, ring, under**) papa would make him get rid (**seat, winter, of**) Rit.

Last night, all of that (**coffee, changed, lower**) when Rit saved his family. The (**family, could, your**) had enjoyed a fire in the (**hurry, save, fireplace**). When they went to bed his (**bring, father, crest**) put out the fire, but while (**they, glass, seeing**) were sleeping a spark flew from (**week, bashful, the**) fire and onto the rug. The (**rug, bath, reason**) began to smoke and everyone was (**repeat, sound, gone**) asleep except Rit who smelled the (**smoke, work, open**) and began to bark. His barking (**limited, reward, awakened**) everyone and prevented a disaster.